

MANNINGTON NEWS

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Mannington Trading Alley Lively Place on Saturday As Horsemen Swap For Fun

Broken-Down Animals Are Made to Act Like Frisky Colts Again.

MANNINGTON, July 31.—There was a pie-bald roan with a ring-bone all around; a slat-sided gray born in 1872 or thereabouts; a wind-broken, spavined animal of a non-descript brown that carried his left hind foot like a German doing the goose-step; and one mouse-colored away-backed "saddle horse" that showed his hind legs along like a fifty-year old boy trying out his first pair of roller skates. Forged in all stages of distress stood behind or splashed through the little lake of mud in Mannington's trading alley as their riders displayed each brute's particular merits or demerits, as the case might be.

"Trading Alley," to Mannington, is a remnant of days long since past, one of the few old time institutions that have withstood the march of progress. Each week on Saturday the gathering of the clan begins in early morning and continues all day long and later, indeed, the man who does not have to walk and lead on the way back to the stable at evening.

"Got anything up today, Sir?" shouts one.

"Nothin' today, Ben."

Now a rider on a flea-bitten sorrel comes hipity-pop down the track to pull up with a loud "Hoi!" before another rider.

"How'll you trade for a good horse?" he asks, leaning forward.

"I'd number two looks the sorrel over sharp."

"Gimme ten bucks, throw in that saddle and this is your horse."

"This ain't no real estate deal, snaps the owner of the sorrel. 'It's a horse trade."

"Might be if it's trade," and away on the other to trade later with the owner of a little saw-backed horse.

A fellow riding a big, rangy black that had seen many better days galloped clumsily up and ranged alongside the sorrel.

"Look out," someone shouted, "he's liable to gouge himself with the other heel!"

Owner of the black looked the sorrel over and bawled:

"How you say?"

"Come along an' we'll talk it over," suggested the sorrel's rider, and puts spurs to his horse.

The black tried mightily to keep up with the mudhole broadside, planted both hind feet squarely upon both front hocks, and did the prettiest "fish-back" ever seen. He landed eight feet away with all four legs spread like guy-wires, his rider exchanging by one leg.

The crowd roared and the sorrel with his rider disappeared around the corner.

The black's rider got his mount securely on his balance again and guided the poor beast out to one side where he could examine the animal's feet.

"Dad blame me if that skunk trade me the worst case of skin I ever see!" he snorted. "Where's he at?"

Horses that have carried father, son and grandson were ranged alongside fat, glossy, "Fowler Solution" four-year-olds, staid old farm horses dropped in the sun, and a few new arrivals.

And advantages. Scarred, maimed, crippled, wind-broken, aged, work-broken animals went patiently through their paces while men bartered them for gain.

Willful, weak creatures struggled pitifully to imitate the graceful carriage of earlier years—and failed. The whip was their only reward.

Slender, scrawny necks that had once been scawy bows of pride and spirit were made to arch again by the excruciating bit, and crippled old feet were made to run and pace and trot and wheel while spurs or whip urged on.

Horses that groaned and swayed when mounted were traded for horses whose skin alone seemed to hold their bones together. They had each performed their work behind the plow, the wagon, the carriage, under the saddle, and now the old, broken remnants were reaping the reward of service. Man's supremacy is truly a wonderful thing!

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"How'll you trade, Don't tell everybody. Tell me. Come on, how much you want, Johnny?"

"By cracker," exclaimed Johnny putting whip to his mount and leading off, "I'll just trade you, since you're so doggone anxious. It was the fifth trade inside an hour."

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Mannington Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Magers are spending a week end visit with relatives at Moundsville.

Morton M. L. Metz has gone to Waynesburg, Pa., where he will be engaged in oil well drilling.

Mrs. James S. Furbee has returned from a visit with relatives at Bridgeton, N. J., and Philadelphia.

A. L. Ammons of Rymer was a business visitor in the city on Saturday.

Miss Bessie Joseph has returned to her home at Shinnston after a visit with relatives here.

Jesse Shimp was a business visitor in Fairmont on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nevins have returned from a visit with relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Nutter and children Estella, Morgan and Robert, Miss Ethel Anderson, Miss Mildred Hibbs, Ivan Robinson, George Hart, Clark M. Furbee, Glenn Rymer and Edward Coad were visitors at Beaton's Ferry yesterday.

Mrs. C. P. Flanagan has returned from a visit with relatives at Austin, Preston County.

Leland A. Rymer was visiting friends at Glover Gap yesterday.

Glenn Robey of Greenville, Pa., is here for a visit with his parents in Marshall street.

W. E. Cunningham of Binghamton was a visitor here on Saturday.

BASNETT'S STORE IN NEW LOCATION SOON

MANNINGTON, July 31.—Claud C. Basnett, who has conducted a clothing store in the J. T. Koen building between the Pyles Fork and Clarkburg street bridges for a long time, will soon be located in the site formerly occupied by the Bartlett Pool Room.

The old pool room has already been vacated and work will begin at once to remodel the room preparatory for the change. A new front with suitable show windows will be added, as well as many other changes and improvements.

This new location, nearly as good as the one occupied at present by the Basnett store, it is said, and has one advantage in that the entire stock will be on one floor.

The change was necessitated by the condemnation by the city of the Koen building, which will be torn down to make room for the new bridges.

AUTOS CRASH

MANNINGTON, July 31.—Walter Huey drove his car straight into the side of an auto driven by J. Snodgrass yesterday at the intersection of High and Buffalo streets. Huey, coming down High street, claims he did not see Snodgrass' car until it was too late to stop, and the two machines crashed.

The car driven by Mr. Snodgrass came opposite High street. Mr. Snodgrass' car was injured worst, although both machines were pretty badly damaged.

TO CHECK SPEEDING

MANNINGTON, July 31.—Chief of Police J. E. Masters said this morning that "so long as out of town people do not try to fly into Mannington they will be welcomed." Belien passed Chief Masters beyond Jericho and the officer followed him into town where he made the arrest. Belien put up \$10 forfeit and did not show up this morning for trial.

An effort was made once before to put an end to fast driving on the Jericho road, but nothing was accomplished. This time, however, city officials intend to make it warm for the speeders, it is said.

ALL OIL TAKEN.

MANNINGTON, July 31.—The Eureka Pipe Line Co. has received a notice from the Parkersburg office to run all oil offed through the month of August. The telegram reads:

"As far as we can say in advance we hope to be able to run all oil offed during the month of August. You will therefore arrange to ship this unless otherwise instructed."

RAN OFF ROAD

MANNINGTON, July 31.—Kenneth McIntyre, Miss Ethel Anderson, Miss Cora Batson, and other man escaped narrowly from death yesterday when the automobile driven by McIntyre left the road just below Midway Park and plunged over a steep embankment. All four were thrown out of the car before it turned over, however, and escaped with only minor injuries.

BLANCHE A BOB-HAIRED BRIDE



Here's Marshall Nelson and his bride, Blanche Sweet. And look what Blanche has gone and done—had those beautiful blond tresses shorn.

SHOOTS THREE AND THEN KILLS HIMSELF

DUBOIS, Pa., July 31.—Joseph Ruthuski of Falls Creek, near here, ran amuck this morning, killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Michael Salana, wounded his wife and father-in-law, and then shot himself, inflicting a dangerous wound in the head.

Ruthuski, it said, became furious when his wife sued him for non-support. He attacked her this morning, the authorities reported, and she ran to the home of her parents, where the shooting occurred.

QUARREL OVER GIRL RESULTS IN DEATH

HUNTINGTON, July 31.—Charles Allitt, 21, of Long Branch, near here, was shot and instantly killed at the home of a neighbor about 5:30 p. m., Sunday.

John Adkins, 21, is in the county jail here, charged with having fired the shot resulting in young Allitt's death. The shooting was the aftermath of a quarrel between the two young men over a girl friend, police say.

EXPRESS DELIVERIES SLOW

MANNINGTON, July 31.—Express coming into Mannington is down to little more than fifty per cent of its usual volume, it was stated by local expressmen this morning. The most noticeable drop has been in the last two weeks. In that period shipments of perishable goods have grown smaller and less frequent, it is said.

BUILD NEW SIDEWALK

MANNINGTON, July 31.—Work began this morning upon the sidewalk fronting C. Howard Long's store preparatory to laying a new concrete sidewalk. The present one is sunken and uneven, making great puddles of water after a rain. It is one of the most disagreeable sidewalks in the city during wet weather.

CHILD RUN DOWN BY AUTO TRUCK

Vassar Compton, age 8 years, was run over by a Fairmont ice Co. truck, driven by Kenneth Harward, at the corner of Tenth street and Virginia avenue, Saturday evening as he was about to cross the street. The truck driver was attempting to get away from an approaching street car when the boy stepped from behind a car parked along the street to a point directly in front of the approaching truck. Before the boy could be noticed he was struck and knocked to the pavement.

The youth was rushed to the Cook hospital where it was learned that he had sustained a fractured skull and other minor injuries. At the hospital today it was said that the boy was doing nicely and would recover.

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STRONG TONE AT MARKET OPENING

Favorable Developments in
Strike Situation Said
To Be Reason.

NEW YORK, July 31.—The better complexion of strike news caused a resumption of active buying on both accounts in today's stock market. The unexpected rise in money rates caused a cancellation of most of the day's gains towards the close. Sales approximated \$80,000 shares.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Favorable week-end developments in the coal and rail strikes situation imparted a strong tone to opening prices on the New York Stock Exchange today, advances ranging from large fractions to more than three points. Crucible which shot up 3 3/4 points to a new high for the year, was the individual feature. Substantial gains were also recorded by Studebaker, Mexican Petroleum, American Tobacco and LaCade gas. Dupont which dropped 1 1/2 points was one of the few exceptions to the general upward trend.

After the first burst of strength profit taking set in and moderate recessions were scored by some of the leaders. The heaviest pressure was directed against the oil and tire stocks, which declined 1 to nearly 3 points. Mexican Petroleum moved back 2 3/4 points but recovered most of its loss in later dealings. Towards noon there was a heavy accumulation of buying orders and the whole market moved upward under leadership of rails and equipments. Louisville & Nashville with a gain of 4 1/2 points featured the rails, Atlantic Coast Line and Chesapeake & Ohio showing advances of 2 points each. Studebaker and LaCade gas extended their early gains and American Express also shot upward 4 1/4 points on fairly extensive dealings. Call money opened at 3 1/2 per cent.

Free offerings of Studebaker on the announcement of the dividend action caused a decline of 2 points from the earlier high figures, but this loss was soon regained in sympathy with the confident buying of other portions of the list. The chemical, mailorder and department store shares, independent steels and shipping issues were absorbed at steadily rising prices. United Fruit moved up 3/4 points, McGraw-Hill 1/2, and American Chemical 2 1/4. Vanadium Steel 3/4 and Gulf States Steel and Kayser 2 points each. Investment railroad continue to forge steadily upwards. Northern Pacific rose 1 point, Chicago Northwestern 1/2 and Norfolk & Western 3/4 point.

Increase of call money to 5 per cent caused heavy liquidation in the final hour, declines ranging from 1 to 3 points. Industrial issues held up well under the pressure, but were directed chiefly against oil, motors and motor accessories. The closing was easy.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Allied Chemical and Dye	73 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	53 1/2
American Beet Sugar	46 1/2
American Can	60 1/2
American Car and Foundry	172
American Hill and Leather	72 1/2
American International Corp.	42 1/2
American Locomotive	119 1/2
American Smelting and Refg.	61
American Sugar	81 1/2
American Sumatra Tob.	81 1/2
American Tobacco	122 1/2
American Woolen	149
Anaconda Copper	91 1/2
Armstrong	53 1/2
Atchafalpa	101 1/2
Atl. Gulf and W. Indies	33 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	121
Baltimore and Ohio	58 1/2
Bethlehem Steel "B"	77 1/2
Canadian Pacific	141
Central Leather	38 1/2
Chandler Motors	62 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio	72 1/2
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	29 1/2
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	44 1/2
Chino Copper	31
Colorado Fuel & Iron	31
Corn Products	107 1/2
Crescent Steel	92
Eric	17 1/2
Famous Players-Lasky	82 1/2
General Asphalt	70 1/2
General Electric	179 1/2
General Motors	13 1/2
Goodrich	33 1/2
Great Northern	83 1/2
Illinois Central	109
Inspiration Copper	41 1/2
International Harvester	102 1/2
Int. Mer. Marine	72
International Paper	54
Kellogg	13 1/2
Kelly-Springfield Tire	45 1/2
Kennecott Copper	36
Louisville & Nashville	134 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	166 1/2
Miami Copper	30
Middle States Oil	13
Midvale Steel	35 1/2
Missouri Pacific	23 1/2
New York Central	98
N. Y. N. H. & Hart.	31 1/2
Norfolk & Western	14 1/2
Northern Pacific	73 1/2
Okla. Prod. & Ref.	2 1/2
Pacific Oil	65 1/2
Pan Amer. Petroleum	73 1/2
Pennsylvania	47 1/2
Pittsburgh	87 1/2
Pure Oil	29 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	16 1/2
Reading	76
Rep. Iron and Steel	73 1/2
Royal Dutch, N. Y.	53 1/2
Sears, Roebuck	89
Sinclair Con. Oil	31 1/2
Southern Pacific	92
Southern Railway	25 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	181 1/2
Studebaker Corporation	132 1/2
Tennessee Copper	10 1/2
Texas Co.	46 1/2
Texas and Pacific	30 1/2
Tobacco Products	77 1/2
Transcontinental Oil	143
Union Pacific	143 1/2
United Retail Stores	61
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	64
United States Rubber	58 1/2
United States Steel	101 1/2
Utah Copper	65

Prince Needs Guiding Hand Says This New Candidate



Portrait by Tom Culverwell.
MISS PEDDIE GOGG.

Now comes a candidate for The West Virginian's great matrimonial prize with a real idea. Miss Peddie Gogg, professor of natural inclinations in Fairmont High School, says he is not only willing to marry the Prince of Wales, but advocates her own selection.

"I've studied English modern history," she said today, "and if there is one outstanding fact it is the King George the Fifth owes much of his success to Queen Mary the Fourth. Queen Mary stands for no nonsense. The dear young prince needs just such a wife. Think of all the temptations he is beset with! It is a wonder he has kept his head as well as he has. I am sure the affairs of the British empire would be safe in my hands."

Remember the conditions of the contest. Any girl can enter. The prize is the prince's hand—providing he is willing.

Wetshouse Electric 62 1/2
Willys Overland 5 1/4

CHICAGO, July 31.—Butter unsettled, creamery extras 32, firsts 30; seconds 28 1/2; standards 32 1/2.

Eggs unchanged receipts 16,425 cases.

Poultry unchanged.

Liberty Bonds.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Liberty bonds at 1 p. m.: Liberty 3 1-2s, \$100.90; uncalled victory 4 3-4s, \$100.90; called victory 4 3-4s, \$100.48; liberty second 4s, \$100.66; Liberty first 4 1-4s, \$101.32; liberty second 4 1-4s, \$100.52; liberty third 4 1-4s, \$100.53; liberty fourth 4 1-4s, \$101.24.

Pittsburgh Livestock.

PITTSBURGH, July 31.—Cattle receipts 2,300, lower. Steers, \$9 to \$9.50; heifers, \$7 to \$7.50; cows, \$5 to \$8.

Hogs receipts 6,500, steady. Heaves, \$9.75 to \$10.25; heavy Yorkers, \$11.35 to \$11.40; light Yorkers and pigs, \$11.40 to \$11.50.

Sheep and lambs 4,000, higher; top sheep, \$7.25; top lambs, \$12.50. Calves receipts 1,200, lower; top \$11.50.

Chicago Wheat.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Large receipts here had a bearish effect on the wheat market today during the early dealings. The receipts here were estimated as much as 1,025 carloads. Prospects of settlement of the railroad strike were regarded also in some quarters as a contributing bearish influence, but opinion on this subject was divided.

The opening which varied from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents lower with September \$1.06 1/4 to \$1.06 3/4, and December \$1.08 5/8 to \$1.09, was followed by a slight further decline.

Expectance of a bearish crop report on corn tended to weaken the corn market and also the oats market. After opening one-half to seven-eighths lower, September 61 3/4 to 62, the corn market continued to sag.

Oats started 1-8 to 1-4c to 3-8c off, September 34 and later underwent a further set back.

Provisions went down with grain notwithstanding higher quotations on hogs.

NEW LOW RECORD.

NEW YORK, July 31.—The price of Germany marks dropped to 14 1/2 cents a hundred, a new low record, in the early dealings in foreign exchange today, but rallied later to 15 1/4 cents. Demand sterling and continental remittances also eased slightly.

Foreign exchange dealers report.

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AUDIT SUBMITTED ON CITY FINANCES

Board Decides to Employ
Ciell Evans as Accountant Again.

Cash on hand to the amount of \$35,220.14 was shown in the audit of accounts of the City of Fairmont submitted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held at 10 o'clock this morning in the city hall. A surplus of \$958,546.69 was shown on the liabilities side of the audit.

After an examination of the accounts, the director decided that the work of Ciell Evans, local accountant, was in every satisfactory and a motion was passed to employ him for another year at the same salary. The amount of this salary was not stated at the meeting but is shown by Mr. Evans' statement to be \$1,800 for the year.

The general statement of assets and liabilities is as follows:

Assets	Liabilities
Cash	\$5,220.14
Uncollected taxes	12,897.70
Paving assessments uncollected	8,842.81
Notes receivable	500.00
Special accounts receivable	154.08
Miscellaneous invoices	4,718.89
Gasoline accounts	167.53
Water fund special bond account	196,399.43
State sinking fund	1,843.37
Special bond levy	1,825.85
Property and equipment	111,274.82
Property non-realizable	1,604,133.44

Total assets

Liabilities

Interest accrued on bonds

Interest accrued on Citizens' Aid Syndicate Bridge Notes

Loan from water fund

Deferred Revenues

Dug to special bond levy

Citizens' Bridge Aid Syndicate Notes

Bonds (water